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For the Senate.

Masses, Editors: I have for amusement, set down and made a calculation of an apportionment for our Constitutional Convention, upon a basis, that seems to me much fairer, than the "lumping" one of the Senate. Some apportionment must be made, and one based on the number of voters, should be adopted as most fair. I adopt the rule of one delegate for 1,000 voters, and for two and a half, and where large surpluses occur, I unite the counties containing them. It results about thus:—

1163—1 Posey,	2008—2
Stoulen and Dekalb, 1830—2	Vanderburgh, 1423—2
Elkhart, 1947—2	Warick, 1330—1
LaGrange, 1373—1	Spencer, 1139—1
Allen, 2063—2	Perry, 942—1
Adams and Wells, 1346—1	Kosciusko, 1357—2
Randolph, 1130—1	Huntington and Jay and Blackford, 1130—1
Franklin, 2856—2	Wayne, 4356—4
Dearborn, 3355—3	Delaware, 2675—2
Franklin and Dearborn, 3311—1	Greene, 1307—1
Madison, 1873—2	Wabash, 1736—2
Hancock, 1511—2	Miami, 1571—2
Carroll, 1006—2	Cass, 1765—3
Clinton, 1777—2	Howard and Cass, 1047—1
Tippecanoe, 3707—3	White and Pulaski, 967—1
Tippecanoe and Carroll, 1203—1	St. Joseph, 1816—2
For surplus, 157—3	Laporte, 1292—2
Montgomery, 2282—2	Potter and Lake, 1346—1
Elkhart, 1947—2	Laporte, St. Joseph, 2736—2
Johnson, 2736—2	Porter and Lake, 1051—1
Shelby and Johnson, 1260—1	Payson, 1801—2
For surplus, 2156—2	Union, 1371—1
Morgan, 1383—1	Ripley, 2275—2
Vigo, 2494—2	Rush, 2921—2
Sullivan, 1611—2	Decatur, 2484—2
Vigo, Sullivan, Rush and Decatur, 1405—1	For surplus, 1755—2
Owen, 1848—2	Boone, 1928—2
Greene, 1848—2	Hamilton, 1928—2
Monroe, 1923—2	Tipton and Hamilton, 900—1
Monroe and Brown, 1000—1	ton, 2725—2
Ohio, 1019—1	Parke, 1603—2
Switzerland, 1603—2	Terre Haute, 1603—2
Clark, 2736—2	Parke, Warren and Benton, 1236—1
Clark and Floyd, 1409—1	Putnam, (surplus), 1267—1
For surplus, 1719—2	Henricks, 2105—2
Jackson, 1719—2	Henricks, 2105—2
Lawrence, 2118—2	Henricks and Ma-
Washington, 2721—2	ton, (surplus), 1280—2
Orange, 1720—2	Bartolomee, 1296—2
Washington and Orange, 1720—2	Jennings, 1796—2
For surplus, 917—1	Jefferson and Jen-
Crawford, 917—1	nings, (surplus), 1147—1
Davies, 1438—1	ings, (surplus), 1147—1
Davies and Martin, 1254—1	Harrison, 2234—2
Clinton, 1030—1	Knox, 1757—2
Gibson, 1677—2	Warren, 1236—1
Gibson and Dubois, 1015—1	Jasper, Benton and Floyd, 2188—2
Floyd, 2188—2	Warren, 1236—1

Total, 155

If our legislature adopt some such plan, and then fix the pay of the Delegates at \$2 per day, we can have a good convention, a business one, and a clean one. What do you think of it?

A LOOKER ON.

We publish the above, not only to gratify a friend who stands high in the Whig ranks, but also to show, that others can figure in this matter as well as the State Journal. But we think it proper to say, that this figure only proves what we have said before, the utter impossibility of adopting any system of apportionment, better than the Senatorial basis. It is impossible to avoid some slight abbreviation or expansion of the votes of some large or small counties, except by the inadmissible mode of a general ticket, by which the voice of the minority may be totally stifled; that very portion for whose protection a Constitution is chiefly desirable. The above table demonstrates the truth of our position.

Indiana Legislature.

SESSION 1849-50.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, December 20.

The Senate met.

Petitions, &c. presented.

By Mr. Harvey, of John E. Johnson and others to incorporate the town of Belleville, referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Hendricks, of certain persons in Jefferson county, for the divorce of Nancy C. Barrows from Abraham Barrows, referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Kinard, of citizens of Carroll county, for a charter for a plank road from Lafayette to the Michigan road, near Peckham, referred to a select committee.

By Mr. C. H. C. of Shelby and Decatur counties for a railroad charter from Indianapolis to Greensburg, laid on the table.

Reports of Standing Committees.

By Mr. Harrison, that it is inexpedient to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Randolph county; report concurred in.

By Mr. Hendricks, a bill to amend article 4, chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of 1843, passed a third reading.

By Mr. Galt, a bill to amend the charter of the Madison fire engine company; laid on the table.

By Mr. Hendricks, a bill relative to costs in certain cases; passed a third reading.

By Mr. Russell, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of selling real estate where the heirs are unknown; report concurred in.

By Mr. Buckle, the bill to amend section 21, article 2, chapter 46, of the Revised Statutes of 1843 passed a third reading.

By Mr. Hanna, the bill providing for a change of venue from the probate to the circuit court; passed a third reading.

By Mr. Hend, that it is inexpedient to repeal the law passed at the last session relative to change of venue; report concurred in.

By Mr. Steth, the bill to amend section 137, chapter 48, of the Revised Statutes of 1843 passed a third reading.

By Mr. Rousseau, that the bill fixing the salaries of the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in.

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A bill providing for the election of township assessors in the counties of Greene and Hamilton; passed.

A bill to change the mode of doing county business in the county of Pike; referred to a select committee.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Auditor of State on the subject of the northern division of the Central canal; referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and 200 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the President of the Madison and Indianapolis railroad company, tending to the Seneca Free route in the cars for an excursion to Madison on Christmas day; accepted.

House Bills read a First Time.